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A JOURNEY FROM BERLIN TO PRAGUE

(Including stays in both cities and a cruise on the Elbe and Vlatava Rivers)



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Tuesday October 2 – Monday, October 15, 2018

A 14 day tour beginning in Berlin, reunified eastern Germany and the (Independent 1993) Czech Republic ending in Prague its capital. Berlin, Dresden and Prague are now among Europe's most dynamic and exciting cities filled with an amazing legacy of monumental architecture, superb museums, fascinating history, exciting music and fine food. Escorted by Garry Burns.

Tour cost from Toronto \$6,495.00 per person sharing double accommodation. Single supplement \$2,550.00 (main deck), Land only \$5,555.00

Proposed Itinerary

DAY 1 – October 2: FLIGHT

Evening departure from Toronto to Berlin with Air Canada Rouge. Dinner and a light breakfast will be served on board.

DAY 2 – October 3: BERLIN

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Morning arrival at Berlin's Tegel Airport. On our way to the hotel, we will enjoy a panoramic tour of selected sights of former East Berlin, such as the Karl-Marx Avenue, and the East Side Gallery, a collection of about 100 works of art painted directly on a preserved section of the Berlin Wall

(www.eastsidegallery-berlin.com). Arrival at the hotel. Check in, and free time to settle in and get some rest after the overnight flight. In late afternoon, short introductory walk along the lively "Ku'damm" with its elegant shops, hotels, restaurants, and interesting sights such as the Emperor William Memorial Church, followed by dinner in one of the restaurants near our hotel.

DAY 3 – October 4: BERLIN

Breakfast at the hotel followed by a general introduction to the Berlin museum scene. We then travel by bus or subway to the so-called "Museum Island" in the historical city centre, "Berlin Mitte." The greatest stars of the Berlin museums are concentrated here, and we recommend starting with the superb **Pergamon Museum** - fabulous not only on account of its great Hellenistic Pergamon Altar but also Babylon's Ishtar Gate. At leisure, the recently reopened **New Museum** just next door, whose Egyptian Collection includes the world-famous Bust of Nefertiti, Queen to the enigmatic Pharaoh Akhenaton! The Island features three additional superb museums. the **Old Museum**, with its superb collection of Greco-Roman antiquities; **Old National Gallery**, featuring 19th century art, including French impressionists; and the **Bode Museum**, highlighting Byzantine and Renaissance art. (For more information on these museums, see http://www.museumsportal-berlin.de/en)

DAY 4 – October 5: BERLIN – EMBARKATION

Morning free to allow for additional visits to Berlin's wonderful collection of museums. In the early afternoon we depart for a panoramic tour featuring the highlights of Berlin. You will get to see Bellevue Palace and the nearby Victory Column, Reichstag building, Brandenburg Gate, Holocaust Memorial, Potsdamer Platz square, Check-Point Charlie, and Gendarmenmarkt. More highlights include boulevard Unter den Linden with Berlin Cathedral, and Alexanderplatz. Later in the afternoon, transfer to the pier and board your Croisi Europe ship. Welcome cocktails on board. Accommodation: onboard MS Elbe Princesse I

DAY 5 – October 6: BERLIN - NEDLITZ - WÜSTERWITZ

This morning, enjoy a half day tour of the Berlin Wall & Cold War. Return onboard for lunch. In the afternoon, we'll leave the boat for a visit to the gardens at the Sanssouci Palace, former residence of Frederick the Great. Afterwards, we'll return to the ship and begin to cruise to Wüsterwitz. Enjoy an evening of onboard entertainment.

DAY 6 – October 7: WÜSTERWITZ - MAGDEBURG

Our ship will depart early this morning for Madgeburg. Take advantage of your free time this morning while we cruise to admire the landscapes or take part in our onboard activities. This afternoon, join us for a tour of Magdeburg, located midway on the Elbe River and the historic Roman Roads. Its cathedral is one of the major gothic edifices in Germany. Afterwards, we'll return on board and continue our cruise. Tonight's dinner will be followed by an evening of dancing. Our ship will cruise through the night.

DAY 7 – October 8: WITTENBERG

Once we arrive in Wittenberg, we'll leave for a guided tour of the city, where Martin Luther nailed his Ninety-Five Theses to the door of a church and sparked the Reformation. You'll discover the city center and its noble Renaissance-style houses. We'll also visit Luther's house, a former Augustinian monastery which is now the Reformation Museum and listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Afterwards, we'll return on board and spend the afternoon cruising. This evening, take part in our Quiz Night. Our ship will cruise through the night.

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DAY 8 – October 9: MEISSEN – DRESDEN

Once we arrive in Meissen, we'll set out on a guided tour of the city, famous for its trademark porcelain. Discover how the porcelain has been made for more than 300 years and admire the magnificent pieces displayed in the museum. We'll then head for the city center to see the outside of the Albrechtsburg and the cathedral. We'll return on board in Dresden. After lunch, join us for a visit of the city known as the "Florence of the Elbe." A relatively recent city with Slavic origin, Dresden became the capital of the Margravate of Meissen in the 13th century and the seat of the Dukes of Saxony in the 15th century. Its breathtaking architectural and artistic heritage makes it one of the most important tourist destinations in Germany. Tonight's dinner will be followed by an evening of dancing. We'll remain in port overnight.

DAY 9 - October 10: DRESDEN – USTI

We'll depart for an excursion to the Elbe Sandstone Mountains. We'll discover the Königstein Fortress, overlooking the Elbe and one of the largest hilltop fortresses in Europe. Thought to have been built in the 13th century, it was for centuries used as a state prison. We'll then stop at the Bastei rock formation towering above the Elbe and formed by water erosion over one million years ago. Back on board, we'll continue to cruise through the magnificent Saxon Switzerland area (which really is a part of Germany) gliding by the prairies, woods, lakes, vineyards and chateaux. Enjoy an evening of onboard entertainment. We'll remain in port overnight.

DAY 10 – October 11: USTI – LITOMERICE – KRALUPY

Join us for a tour of one of the oldest Bohemian cities established in the 10th century on the site of a Slavic fort. Afterwards, we'll return on board in Roudnice and spend the afternoon cruising towards Kralupy. Take advantage of this time to participate in our onboard activities. Tonight's entertainment will be provided by the crew. We'll remain in port overnight.

DAY 11 – October 12: KRALUPY – PRAGUE

This morning will be dedicated to on a tour of Prague's Old Town: you will love its narrow streets, Town Hall and astronomical clock as well as the famous Church of Our Lady before Týn. The afternoon will be spent on a visit of the Prague Castle area. We'll see Saint Vitus Cathedral, the most recognizable landmark in the city, the Prague Castle, and the Golden Lane. Tonight's our gala evening and dinner. We'll remain in port overnight.

DAY 12 - October 13: DISEMBARKATION – PRAGUE

Breakfast on the ship before disembarking and boarding the coach for additional sightseeing of the Czech capital including a visit to Strahov Monestary, seat of the Premonstensian Order since the 12th century. Following the tour you will arrive at your home for the next two nights, the 4 star, centrally located Hotel Rott (<u>https://www.hotelrott.cz/</u>). This afternoon we suggest visiting the Jewish Quarter located just a short walking distance from the hotel. Tonight dinner at a typical Czech beer hall.

DAY 13 - October 14: PRAGUE

Your last full day in Europe so we have left it free to enjoy as you like. Possible activities today include; a day trip into the countryside, perhaps Pilsen to visit the brewery or Konepiste to visit the castle of Archduke Franz Ferdinand. If you choose to remain in Prague we suggest a guided tour of the municipal House, or a visit to the Lubkowicz Palace with its wonderful art collection. Farewell dinner this evening at one of Prague's many fine restaurants.

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Day 14 – October 15: FLIGHT HOME

Breakfast at the hotel before transferring to Prague airport for your return flight to Toronto.

WELCOME HOME

Tour cost from Toronto \$6,495.00 per person sharing double accommodation. Single supplement \$2,550.00 (main deck), Land only \$5,555.00

**Please note that no specific cabins can be held without deposit. Availability of any specific cabin type is to be determined at time of booking.

Included in the price:

- Return flights on Air Canada Rouge
- Airport taxes and security fees
- Transportation throughout
- 2 nights' accommodation in Berlin & 2 nights in Prague

- 8 night cruise in main deck cabin on the MS Elbe Princesse I. Please add \$250.00 for an upper deck cabin.

- Daily breakfast, 7 lunches & 11 dinners with beverages during meal times while on cruise
- Sightseeing as per the program
- Fully escorted
- All gratuities
- Cruise port charges

Not Included:

- Meals and beverages with meals not specified in the itinerary
- Items of a personal nature
- Optional travel insurance. Please contact the office for rates.

ABOUT THE SHIP

MS ELBE PRINCESSE - PREMIUM (5-ANCHOR)

Come on board this innovative ship designed using advanced paddle wheel technology which will allow her to navigate year round in the lowest waters of the Elbe – something that vessels with regular propulsion are unable to do.

Built in 2016, this modern ship measures 95 metres long and 10.5 metres wide, with two decks and two paddle wheels on the back. It has 40 spacious outside cabins and can accommodate 80 guests in maximum comfort offering WiFi, air conditioning and heating, flat screens, hair dryer and an in room safe. There is also a panoramic restaurant that can accommodate all guests for single-service dining, a welcoming lounge bar with a central dance floor and a large sun deck with chairs. The stylish décor in contemporary colours is in perfect harmony with the warm and convivial atmosphere onboard.

Thanks to its size, this new ship will be able to berth in the heart of towns near historical centres where other ships simply cannot access.



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Note: Highlighted cabins have 1 double bed.

APPLICATION FORM

Please book ______ seat(s) on "A Journey from Berlin to Prague" departing October 2 - 14, 2018. Enclosed is my/our deposit of ______ (\$750 per person, plus insurance premium if taken.)

Please indicate with an X if you intend to travel on Group flights _____ or Land only _____.

Deposit and insurance premium, if taken, are due with registration. You will be invoiced an interim payment of \$1,500 and the balance due 45 days prior to departure.

WE REQUIRE A COPY OF YOUR PASSPORT (INFORMATION PAGES ONLY) VALID 3 MONTHS AFTER TOUR DATE TO BE SENT WITH YOUR APPLICATION FORM.

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Terms & Conditions

RESERVATIONS AND DEPOSITS:

Reservations should be made as early as possible to ensure the departure of your choice. A deposit of \$750.00 is required at the time of registration. Your reservation is confirmed upon receipt of your deposit and registration form. No reservations will be accepted without a signed application form.

REFUND OF UNUSED ARRANGEMENTS:

Because the rates of Pauwels Travel Bureau Ltd. are based on group participation, no refund can be made for any tour accommodation or tour service or tour feature not taken. If cancellation occurs while the tour is in progress, no refund can be made for the tour portion not taken. We strongly suggest that to allow for any unexpected contingencies, you purchase the all-inclusive insurance.

CANCELLATION POLICY:

Refund of deposit is made if cancellation is received in writing by Pauwels Travel Bureau Ltd. more than 90 days prior of the departure date of the tour less a \$500.00 non-refundable administrative fee per person. For cancellation received in writing 90 days prior or less the following cancellation charges apply:

90 days to 61 days before departure:50 % of tour cost60 to 31 days before departure:60% of tour costWithin 30 days prior to departure:100% of tour cost

RESPONSIBILITY:

The acceptance of the initial service to be provided under the tour shall be considered an acceptance by the tour member of those conditions. We also reserve the right to decline, to accept or retain any person as a member of the tour.

We reserve the right without notice, to withdraw any part or all of the tour. Factors such as airline schedule changes, hotel overbookings, inclement weather, travel warnings by the Canadian Government etc. may necessitate changes in the itinerary. There may also be other circumstances in which changes become necessary or advisable.

By commencing the tour, I agree to the release and agreement as included below.

RELEASE & AGREEMENT:

By placing my deposit and commencing the tour I understand and agree to the following:

1. That all tours are delivered in conjunction with other service providers, including but not limited to travel agent and booking services, airlines, hotel and accommodation providers, transportation providers including but not limited to coach, train and ferry services, restaurant providers, and local guides. We shall not be held responsible for the failure by any person or company to render any transportation, lodging or other travel service to be provided on the tour. All hotel, transportation and other travel services are provided subject to all the terms and conditions under which they are offered to the public generally.

- I further understand that travel involves certain risks to personal health, safety and property. Many foreign countries do not have the safety and health standards that are present in Canada.
 I am willing to accept the associated risks and understand that and Pauwels Travel Bureau cannot guarantee the health and safety of travellers in a foreign trip or eliminate the risk from a foreign environment.
- 3. I know that tour programs include walking, and may including hiking and fitness programs that have potential hazardous activities associated with them. I should not participate prior to approval by my physician. I assume any and all other risks associated with these events included but not limited to falls, contact with other participants, the effects of the weather including high heat and/or humidity.
- 4. To release, indemnify and hold harmless Pauwels Travel Bureau and their affiliates (which term shall include parents, subsidiaries, officers, directors, shareholders, agents and employees of Pauwels Travel Bureau as well as Pauwels Travel themselves) (the "Released Parties") from, and agree not to sue the Released Parties for, any claims that I may have arising from, or in connection with, any personal injury, bodily injury, mental anguish, emotional distress, physical, property or other damage that I may suffer from any cause whatsoever related in any way to my participation in this tour. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, I release, indemnify and hold harmless the Released Parties from, and agree not to sue them for any personal injury, bodily injury, mental anguish, emotional distress, physical, property or other damage that I may suffer from the Released Parties' negligence other than from intentional or reckless acts by such parties. I further agree to release, indemnify and hold harmless the Released Parties from any and all acts of God, war (whether declared or undeclared), terrorist activities, incidents of politically motivated violence, illness or quarantine, strikes or government restrictions or the acts or omissions of any other agents over which the Released Parties have no direct or indirect control, including, without limitation, airlines, railways, bus companies, hotels, shipping companies, guides and sub-contracted agents or tour operators. This release also includes activities not offered that may be considered risky. I further release any Tour Directors, bus drivers or other individuals involved in my tour.
- 5. That the air carrier's liability for loss of or damage to baggage or property, or for death or injury to person, is limited by their tariffs, or the Warsaw Convention, or both.
- 6. That Pauwels Travel Bureau shall have no liability or responsibility for me when I am absent from activities, such as visits to friends or relatives or during stay-ahead/stay-behind option periods if the stay-ahead/stay-behind period does not include the services of a Tour Director.
- 7. To abide by directions of my Tour Director or other leadership personnel during my tour. Failure to do so may result in my termination from tour immediately. I understand that to disobey such rules or directions are to waive the right to any refund, and that I may be sent home at my own expense. The participant and family undertake full financial responsibility for any damage caused by the participant and agree to pay his/her return home on the first available flight, should his/her behavior be deemed detrimental to the welfare of the group.
- 8. To abide by all local laws when in Canada and abroad, including those concerning drugs and alcohol. (Minors must have parents' permission to use alcohol even if the local law would otherwise permit them to.) I understand that if I abuse or disobey such laws, even

unintentionally, I waive my right to a refund, and Pauwels Travel may send me home at my own expense. I also understand that should local authorities be involved, I will be subject to the laws of the country I am visiting.

- 9. That if I become ill or incapacitated, Pauwels Travel and its employees, or a designated chaperone may take any action they deem necessary for my safety and well-being, including securing medical treatment (at my own expense) and transporting me home. Pauwels Travel retains the right, in its sole discretion, to contact the traveller's parent(s) and/or guardian or emergency contact with regard to health issues or any matters whatsoever that relates to the traveller's tour. These rights transcend any and all privacy regulations that may apply. In the event of a medical emergency, Pauwels Travel will attempt to cause appropriate treatment to be administered, and the traveller authorizes Pauwels Travel to do so. Pauwels Travel, however, makes no warranty that it will be able to cause effective (or any) emergency treatment to be administered.
- 10. That Pauwels Travel may use any film likenesses taken of me and any of my comments while on a tour for future publication and also use my contact information for future Pauwels Travel communications.

A WORD ABOUT GROUP AIR:

Please note that when booking one of our air inclusive tours, Pauwels Travel has negotiated reduced rates with the airline that we are able to confirm and lock in up to 359 days before travel. While it is wonderful to share the savings and flexibility this provides with you our valued guests, the privilege does come with some restrictions. In some cases it may not be possible to collect frequent flyer miles, in some cases you may not be able to check in online 24 hours before travel or you may need to try checking in with your ticket number rather than your booking reference and, in <u>almost ALL cases we are not able to offer advanced seat selection.</u>

It is the airline that makes the live reservation and has control over the booking so it is their policy not ours that prevents us from assigning you specific seats. I assure you if a request is made it is followed up on by our staff when they submit the names to the airline 30- 60 days prior to departure. Calling us several days before you leave will not change this fact nor will getting upset with our staff.

If the ideal seat is an absolute must for you we suggest you book our tour land only and make your own air arrangements so you can better control the individual booking. Pauwels would be happy to assist you with that reservation at absolutely no additional charge. We will offer you the best fare we can find but note this can only be done once a tour is a guaranteed departure and the rules and booking conditions of the applicable airfare will apply.

We thank you in advance for your kind understanding of the above.